

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, August 3, 2015

Councilor Remillard served as Mayor Pro Tem since Mayor Grenier was absent and called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 6:46 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Remillard, Otis, Morgan Allain, Gentili, Higbee, Rozek, Nelson and Theberge. Also present City Manager Wheeler, Susan Tremblay and Barbara Tetreault.

Minutes, Previous Meeting

Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to accept the minutes of the July 20 Regular Meeting/Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements: Disbursement Summary Draft #1746 start date 7/21/2015 end date 8/3/2015 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,476,719.01. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to accept disbursement summary and pay all bills as recommended by the Committee on Accounts/Claims. So moved, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Committee Reports – No Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Resolution 2015-20 appropriating One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Dollars of “Primex Premium Holiday” funds, with \$140,000 to Street Rehabilitation; \$5,000 to the Skate Park; \$5,000 to the Joint Loss Prevention Committee and \$29,000 for an Emergency UTV (1st read)
Councilor Otis moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on August 17, 2015. So moved, the motion carried.
3. Resolution 2015-21 carrying over One Million, One Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$1,119,385.83) of Capital Appropriations from the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 which are not yet expended to Fiscal Year 2016 (1st read)
Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on August 17, 2015. So moved, the motion carried.
4. Resolution 2015-22 carrying over Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$73,198.37) of Grant Funds from the year ended June 30, 2015 which are not yet expended to Fiscal Year 2016 (1st read)
Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on August 17, 2015. So moved, the motion carried.
5. City Manager’s Report
 1. On July 22, 2015 the Berlin Airport saw a lot of activity when a group of children from the White Mountain Community College Daycare Program visited the airport as part of their “Out of Space” study. Coincidentally there was a large corporate jet called a Falcon 2000 on the runway and Chief Pilot Floyd DePhillips gave the children a tour of the inside of the jet and answered what seemed like 100 questions
 2. On July 23 both Jeb Bush and John Kasich were in the area. Both flew into the Berlin Airport.
 3. July 31, 2015 marked Elaine Tremblay’s last day at City Hall. She’s been a valued employee for 33 years; we wish her many more years in retirement. Spencer Croteau is a new Public Works laborer/equipment operator.
 4. On August 4th through the 13th, we expect the five windmills going to Jericho Mountain to travel through Berlin; each windmill will occupy approximately 10 trucks. The current Transportation Plan

for entering the City of Berlin is: **Transport will be travelling against traffic on Pleasant St. from the junction at Glen Ave at south end to junction at 110/Green St. at north end. [0.3MILES]**

Police will escort and be present for traffic control. **NO PARKING** signs will be installed on each side of Pleasant St. Cars will travel southbound as usual (from 110/Wight St. to Glen Ave.) but stay on west side of Pleasant St. · Wind Tower Transport will travel northbound (from Glen Ave to Rte.110/Wight St.) using center lane and east hand lane. Once on Wight Street, the towers will travel on the new Route 110 to their destination. The truck schedule is attached.

5. Due to program start-up and orientation issues the Public Works/Bureau of Prisons work detail did not start last week. However, the first detail started beautification work today.
6. On July 21st and 22nd individuals of the EPA conducted an inspection of the City's policies, practices and system condition. The inspection focused on maintenance activities relative to sanitary sewer system and combined sewer overflow events. From the inspection completion briefing it is expected that the final inspection report will have several recommendations for the City to implement.
7. On July 22nd Robin Frost, Gorham Town Manager and I met with Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Mia Purcell, Manager of Economic Development for Oxford County. These individuals asked to meet with us to promote the re-introduction of passenger rail service on the S&L line between Portland and Montreal. They have organized a Rail Rally on Thursday September 24, 2015 to be held at the Hilton Garden in Auburn, Maine. A copy of their event notice and recent Androscoggin-Oxford –Coos Counties Rail Coalition is attached. They would welcome participation from the City of Berlin and Town of Gorham.

Councilor Rozek questioned the safety of passenger rail traffic mentioned in item #7 of the Manager's Report. The City Manager explained there would be lots of work to upgrade it and they know that but they are in for the long term.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried.

6. Mayor's Report

Appointment: Cemetery Trustee. Janet King was nominated for a three year term set to expire August 2018. Councilor Higbee moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept Janet King's re-appointment as a Cemetery Trustee. So moved, the motion carried.

7. Public Comments – No comments

8. Council Comments

Councilor Nelson thanked all those involved to make the ATV weekend a great success. The City had a very successful first event at the Heritage Park. The local Restaurants were full and it was good for the local businesses. She also thanked the Council for allowing this to happen. People were amazed that the streets were open to ATV's and Facebook has nothing but great comments.

Councilor Rozek said for such a large crowd the Police reported no major events or accidents. They were fortunate to have so many responsible people riding and each year they are learning. It's a terrific boost to get notoriety for Berlin. Bob Danderson was a critical link to this event.

Councilor Theberge thanked the Chamber of Commerce for all their help with the ATV Festival.

Councilor Remillard added that there were 6,000 people present and more are expected next year.

9. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting closed at approximately 7:07 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Debra A. Patrick, CMC